

## FROM GEN. SHERMAN'S ARMY.

## Battle Near Marietta June 27—Desperate

## Valor of the Union Troops—We Gain

## A Position Nearer the Enemy—A Costly

## Undertaking—Death of Brig.-Gen.

## Harker—A Glorious Career—Recovery

## and Burial of Our Dead Under a Flag

## of Truce.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEAR MARIETTA, Ga., June 29, 1864.

My previous imperfect and necessarily

convey to the public an adequate idea of the desperate

character of the engagement on that day, by Thomas

and McPherson. After a more thorough examination

of the ground, and an inquiry into the facts, I am

prepared to state that for the desperate nature of the un-

der-taking, the terrible odds and obstacles fought

against, and the losses sustained, it has not been ex-

ceeded during this infernal rebellion. It was an effort

to pierce the Rebel center, and expel him from a high

and commanding ridge, which he had occupied

and fortified with works of massive masonry. The

Union troops in the performance of duty, and with

a dash and gallantry never exceeded; but the result

was such that the possibility of capturing

such a position as this was not to be thought of

by any means. Following my custom, I have

from all comment, and putting the best face upon the

affair which the circumstances will permit of, I confine

the present letter to a recital of the facts as far as I

have been able to ascertain. The day was a

glorious one for the Union troops, and I also send

herewith a carefully prepared diagram of

that portion of the enemy's position which was attacked

by Newton's division of the 4th Corps, sketched by an

officer who fought over the ridge, and who has

drawn the whole, including a flag of truce to

illustrate the obstacles also encountered by Jeff. C.

Davis's division. I also inclose lists of casualties among

commissioned officers, with a statement of the aggre-

gated losses sustained. Among these I

have also included the names of the brave

and gallant young soldiers who fell. Gen. Harker,

commanding the 2d Brigade of Newton's division, who

fell at the very foot of the enemy's works while leading

forward his command in the face of a withering fire

from batteries and musketry. Many other valuable

officers and soldiers were killed.

I have already referred to the topography of the

position occupied by the enemy.

It was a thickly wooded ridge running obliquely

across the valley nearly from west to east, its north

end facing the city of Marietta. The ridge was

an irregular line of hills sweeping in a semicircle from

near the base of the Kennesaw Mountain around, toward

and crossing the Marietta and Sandtown roads. A small

tributary of the ridge ran southward along a steep angle

into an open field of several hundred acres in extent.

Near the crest of the ridge runs the valley on the south side.

The crest of this ridge rises considerably above and

behind the ridge, and the ridge itself is a

perfectly level plain, and when lost

they must retire, surrendering Marietta, the Kennesaw

Mountain, and everything north of the Chattahoochee.

Beside the advantage it possesses for de-

fense, the ridge was also a very strong one, and

the very nature of the position, which was

occupied by our army, being there, while

the Union troops were in the position, the

observation, the ridge was in the hands of the

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## REBEL NEWS.

## From Atlanta Paper to the 1st Inst.

## We have received The Atlanta Appeal of the

## 27th and 28th of June, and The Intelligence of the

## 1st of July, from which we select the following:

## THE CONTEST FOR ATLANTA.

## MARIETTA, June 27.—About 10 o'clock this

## morning a force of the enemy, consisting of parts

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